

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, August 04, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Judge Link opened in prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Judge/Executive Darrell Link, Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Clark Kinman, Williamstown Cable TV, and Pat Conrad Fiscal Court Clerk. Guests registered were Alexandra Young, Kassidy Henry, Jackie Young, and Courtney Jo Young.

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Motion of Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and seconded by Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008, meeting with one correction. The job title of Pat Conrad is to be Finance Administrator, and not Financial Administrator.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund and Jail Fund for the month of August, 2008, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them.

Motion of Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District and seconded by Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0112 thru 01-0158 in the amount of \$36,456.58 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0047 thru 02-0065 in the amount of \$6,688.58 paid out of the Road Funds, and Claims No. 03-0022 thru 03-0037 in the amount of \$17,773.18 paid out of the Jail Fund for the month for the month of August, 2008, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Road Supervisor's Report for July. No action is required. It is as follows: He also presented the Building Inspector's Report for July. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Billy Frank Simpson to serve another 2 Year Term as a member of the Grant County Sanitary Sewer District beginning August 19, 2008, and to expire on August 18, 2010. It is as follows:

Motion of Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and seconded by Richard Austin, it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Billy Frank Simpson to serve another 2 Year term as a member of the Grant County Sanitary Sewer District as presented.

The following votes were taken: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval a Resolution to include Grant County Fiscal Court as a party plaintiff in the lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Kentucky and other entities regarding deficits caused by costs of convicted felons being housed in county jails. Judge Link explained that this resolution is a result of the KCJEA (Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association) unanimous vote on July 10, 2008. Judge Link read the motion aloud to the magistrates and the audience. Motion of Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District and seconded by Bobby Young, to approve this Resolution.

The following votes were taken: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes, yes, Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes, yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes, yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes, yes.

After voting yes, Brian Linder pointed out that this issue costs taxpayers and that they are the ones who pay. Judge Link stated that was true, however it ultimately should save the taxpayers money. There was discussion by Judge Link and Jack Gatlin, Grant County Attorney as to the costs of not only housing prisoners who had committed crimes against the state, but the high cost of providing free health care that is paid by the counties. Jack Gatlin, County Attorney pointed out that with this lawsuit the burden of financial responsibility shifts to the state. Mr. Gatlin pointed out that only 33 inmates in a prison population of approximately 300 total are county residents. In conclusion, Judge Link said that Attorney Brent Caldwell will be representing the counties in the suit and he is confident in his ability.

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Judge Link presented the proposed Tax Rates for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and reviewed them. He said that no taxes will be raised and in most cases all rates will remain the same.

He proposed that the Court accept the rate of 0.144 for Real Property. He said that we

would have to run a Notice in the local paper for the Rate for Real Property and will have to hold a Public Hearing which will be set for Friday, August 15, 2008, between 8:00 AM to 8:30 A.M., and then approve a Motion setting the 0.144 rate at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Court meeting. He also recommended that the Court accept the Compensating rate on real property for the Mental Health District and the rate of 0.013 for personal property, and to take the Compensating Rate for the Soil Conservation District and set the Tax Rate as recommended by G.O.L.D. for the Watercraft and Motor Vehicles. They are as follows:

Motion of Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and seconded by Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, it is hereby ordered by the Court to advertise in the local paper the intention of the Fiscal Court to establish a real property tax rate of Fourteen and Four Tenths for fiscal year 2008-2009, and to set a public hearing for Friday, August 15, 2008, between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM or as soon thereafter as possible.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Motion of Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, and seconded by Brian Linder, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, it is hereby ordered by the Court that the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of Fourteen and Four Tenths (0.144) on all taxable personal property, and fifteen and seven Tenths (0.157) on all taxable motor vehicles and all taxable watercraft vehicles for county purposes on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) calculation as recommended by G.O.L.D., be, and the same are hereby levied for the General Fund of Grant County, Kentucky, for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The same to be collected by the Sheriff of

Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law. Said tax rate levied not subject to recall or hearing.

The following votes were taken: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Motion of Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, and seconded by Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, it is hereby ordered by the Court that the real property tax of One and Three Tenths (0.013) which is the Compensating Tax Rate on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) valuation of all taxable real property, and that the personal property tax of One and Three Tenths (0.013) which is based on the Compensating Rate on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) valuation of all taxable personal property; and that the tax rate of One and Six Tenths (0.016) which is the Compensating Tax Rate on all taxable Motor Vehicles and all taxable Watercraft Vehicles, be, and the same are hereby levied for the Grant County Mental Health District of Grant County, Kentucky, for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The same to be collected by the Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law. Said tax rate levied not subject to hearing or recall.

The following votes were taken: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Motion of Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, and seconded by Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, it is hereby ordered by the Court that the Compensating Rate of One Cent (0.01) on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) valuation of all taxable real estate property be subjected to taxation for county purposes, and the same is hereby

levied for the Grant County Soil Conservation District of Grant County, Kentucky, for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The same is to be collected by the Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law. Said tax rate levied not subject to recall or hearing.

The following votes were taken: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Motion of Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, and seconded by Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, it is hereby ordered by the Court that a Tax Levy of Three Cents (0.03) per Acre be levied upon all Forest lands as shown upon the Grant County Property Valuation Administrator Rolls for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for fire protection, and the same to be collected by the Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law.

The following votes were: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

Judge Link again announced that he would hold a Public Hearing regarding the Real Property Tax Rate on August 15, 2008, between 8:00 AM and 8:30 A.M.

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the “Good of the County”. He said that anyone could address the court at this time. Bobby Young, acknowledged Pat Conrad and welcomed her. She thanked him and said that she has huge shoes to fill with Evalene Davis retiring. Richard Austin asked about the fair, and Jack Gatlin shared that the Grant

County Fair was a huge success with record revenues and crowds, particularly on Saturday night.

Brian Linder shared that 5 baseball teams consisting of 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 year old boys participated in a tournament in Pendleton County and that the Grant County teams did very well in representing the county

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 2008, at 5:30 P.M, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, August 18, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, and seconded by Brian Linder, it

Is hereby ordered to adjourn until Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

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The following votes were taken: Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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